

'READY TO FIGHT ANY REPEAL OF COASTWISE LAW'

Captain Matson Says if Statute is Tampered With Will Send Ships to South America

PLENTY OF TRADE ALONG WHOLE WEST COAST NOW

San Francisco Chronicle Speculates on Re-routing of Union Line of New Zealand

Declaration of firm intention to withdraw its steamers from the San Francisco-Honolulu run in case the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce should petition Congress to repeal the coastwise shipping law, have been made in San Francisco by officers of the Matson Navigation Company, including Captain William Matson, president of the corporation, according to advices from San Francisco received today, confirming a despatch printed in the Star-Bulletin on August 12.

This news, however, should not cause Honolulu too much trepidation, because Captain Matson's statement was made before the Chamber of Commerce held its mass meeting August 18 and voted to lay on the table the proposition of petitioning Congress to repeal or amend the coastwise law, so far as Hawaii is concerned.

According to the San Francisco Chronicle, Captain Matson is firm in his intention of fighting against repeal. "We are going to fight any repeal of this law," he said grimly, when asked what his company would do. "We are going to win, too. In case that we should not, with freights as high as they are at present and with the big field for both passengers and freight along the west coast of South America, there is a big field for our steamers in that trade."

The Chronicle goes on to say that "at the present time the congestion of passenger travel both to and from the islands is acute, and with the withdrawal of the Pacific Mail steamers from the trans-Pacific trade the question of adequate transportation between Honolulu and San Francisco is growing into a big issue in the islands."

"Under the present law none but American ships can carry either passengers or freight between the islands and San Francisco. With the law suspended it would mean that the crack liners of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha could enter the field, and the possible re-routing of the larger liners of the Union Line of New Zealand to come to San Francisco instead of to Vancouver."

"The Matson company has developed its fleet for the Hawaiian service and its steamers are some of the finest that fly the American flag. With them taken off, it is pointed out by shipping men, Hawaii would be in sort straits for shipping unless some

LIKELY TO HAVE F-4 RAISED BY END OF AUGUST

Another Chain Made Fast This Morning; May Get Busy With Pontoons on Thursday

It now begins to look as though the F-4 may actually be raised from off the harbor bottom by September 1, although she may not be towed in to drydock by that time. Today's activities resulted in better progress than had been made any day this week and by late this afternoon the last of the raising chains is expected to be fastened around the sunken submarine.

At noon today Lieut. Commander J. A. Furer and Lieut. K. B. Crittenden came in from the scene of operations and reported another chain placed as a result of this morning's work. This leaves only two chains to be secured before all are ready to do their part in lifting the ill-fated craft.

"The chain we placed this morning was the forward midship one," said Lieut. Commander Furer. "It is one of the chains which takes the two center pontoons. We will start the last two chains this afternoon and may get them on by the close of work today. If we do, we will start on the pontoons tomorrow, but I hardly think we shall."

Neither Lieut. Commander Furer nor Lieut. Crittenden, who commands the submarine squadron here, would commit themselves as to any definite date when the submarine will actually be brought to the surface, but said yesterday's and today's results have been more encouraging than any in the last week.

Divers E. McMillan and G. E. Evans of the submarine flotilla worked on the wreck this morning, for periods of 25 and 30 minutes, working together getting the heavy chains around the F-4's hull. They reported to Commander Crittenden that the water is not as clear as yesterday, the divers' movements and dragging the chains rolling the light sand on the ocean bed and clouding the water to a considerable degree, much the same as dragging a chain across a dusty road will produce a puff of dust.

The divers reported that although they could look into the hull, nothing could be seen of any bodies or shreds of uniform.

There are six of the pontoons to be sunk and the lifting chains made fast to them before a start can be made pumping out the water and giving the pontoons a chance to exert their lifting power.

There are 35,000 in the soldiers' homes supported by the government. This is independent of the state homes.

Other company entered the field. To help out the present rush of travel, the Hawaiian and the Enterprises, the former of which has not carried passengers for four years, are both being pressed into the service to and from Honolulu.

FOUR STEAMSHIP LINES ASKED TO SUBMIT FIGURES

(Continued from page one)

Chairman Berndt of the Promotion Committee, and a member of the Committee of 15 investigating traffic conditions, sees no reason why the officials of the Great Northern Company should not be given an invitation to come down and see for themselves what the prospects are for a profitable schedule.

Mr. Berndt has accordingly called a meeting of the Promotion Committee for August 31, when he says he hopes that action will be taken toward extending the invitation.

"No matter what the results that are eventually obtained by the Committee of 15," says Mr. Berndt, "this investigation will do a great deal of good in getting a wide number of people interested in the conditions that the Promotion Committee has known to exist for a long while."

A belief that the Pacific Mail boats will not be withdrawn from the Pacific run exists in the minds of some members of the committee, who explain the transfer of the company's ships as being necessary because of the law that forbids railroad company owned steamships to pass through the Panama canal.

Duplicate bookings, which have done much to help in the congestion of passenger traffic, will be largely done away with, it is supposed, by requiring a deposit of \$15 for each booking. Many people who have booked this summer have evidently had little idea of going at all, making the reservations merely as a matter of precaution in case they should finally decide to sail.

The \$15 rule has been in effect for about a month now, but owing to the fact that many persons had booked before the rule was announced, the booking congestion still exists. Steamship officials think that a few weeks more will see a decided change toward lessening the condition.

LECTURELESS LECTURE GOOD PLAN, SAYS WOOD

In a letter received today from H. P. Wood, by Acting Secretary A. P. Taylor of the Promotion Committee, Mr. Wood speaks of his regret at the frequent criticisms launched against the Hawaii exhibit at the Panama-Pacific exposition by Honolulu people.

"Perhaps," writes Mr. Wood, "the building is not all that we would wish for it, but the inside of it just now is at least very attractive, and the Hawaiian singers are giving the best concerts on the grounds."

"The motion picture booth is filled

IROQUOIS AND SATURN COMING WITH K GROUP

Towing Tug and Collier Will Assist Maryland in Conveying Submarines Here

Orders received this morning by Capt. Sumner E. W. Kittelle of the U. S. S. Maryland from the navy department indicate that the cruiser is not going to wait here until the F-4 is raised, but will proceed to San Francisco September 1 to take charge of conveying to this port the squadron of new submarines of the "K" type.

Captain Kittelle received a radio-gram today ordering him to proceed to San Francisco and bring to Honolulu the submarines K-3, K-4, K-7 and K-8, and to leave San Francisco as soon after September 15 as possible.

The orders stated that Capt. Kittelle will have at his disposal to assist the submarines the U. S. collier Saturn and the towing tug Iroquois, both now at the Mare Island navy yard.

"The submarines will move under their own power," said Capt. Kittelle today, "and the reason for the two additional boats which have been given me to command is to enable us to meet all emergencies which may arise, should any of the submarines become disabled and need towing. With a collier and a tug assistance can be given to the submarine squadron much more quickly and satisfactorily than from a vessel the size of the Maryland."

Capt. Kittelle added that if he is able to leave San Francisco September 15, the squadron should arrive here September 27, as the submarines, not having the speed of a liner or battleship, will require more time to cover the 2100 miles between San Francisco and this port.

The cruiser will take on coal Friday and Saturday, Capt. Kittelle said. "We had planned to coal Monday," he added, "but owing to a number of big liners which dock that day we have decided to do so sooner. With good facilities we could take it on in a day, but it will be a two-day task here."

The naval collier Proteus is due to arrive here about September 1 from Norfolk, en route to Guam and Manila by way of the Panama canal and this port. The U. S. supply ship Supply is also due to reach Honolulu early next month, having left Guam, 3337 miles from this port, August 21, for San Francisco.

continuously," Mr. Wood continues, "and I feel that R. K. Bonine's idea of a 'lectureless lecture' is a good one. The aquarium, too, is a wonderful exhibit, and attracts great crowds of spectators and much favorable comment. Thanks to the work of Fred Potter at Honolulu, we are able to keep on hand an excellent display. The office is continually besieged with visitors after information and we hand out thousands of pamphlets daily."

MORE FORTS SURE FOR HAWAII, SAYS DIXON ON COAST

Illinois Congressman Gives Out Statement After His Visit to Honolulu Last Month

Important additions to the army and navy and extensive improvements in the coast defenses of the United States, including the harbor fortifications at Honolulu, are to be recommended by the secretary of war and the secretary of the navy, according to Representative Lincoln Dixon of Illinois, in an interview with him published in the San Francisco Call on August 12, when he arrived at the coast on the United States transport Logan, after his visit to Hawaii.

Dixon, who is a Democrat, stated he has positive information Secretary Daniels and Garrison will advocate an adequate program for strengthening the national defenses in their reports to Congress this year.

Dixon said he is confident Congress will respond to the suggestions of the cabinet officers and make liberal appropriations for thorough preparedness.

For several battleships will be provided, he declared, and important additions will be made to the army.

"I can not discuss the details of the plan," he said, "but I am sure of my ground when I say that these things will be done by the next Congress."

Dixon said the harbor of Honolulu can be made impregnable by developing the present system of forts.

He is accompanied by Mrs. Dixon and their daughter. They will remain here several days.

Representative R. W. Austin of Tennessee and his daughter were also passengers on the Logan. Austin comes from the Philippines, where he created a stir by declaring in an address before a gathering of Manila businessmen that the American flag would never be hauled down in the islands.

BAT THE RAT

Join the Clean-Up Club and Kill Off the Rats

Boards of health everywhere are trying to exterminate rats, because of their menace to health and destruction of property. But without waiting for the health authorities to do the work for you, do your duty and use the only effective weapon in the war on rats, Stearns Electric Paste. Get a two ounce box from your druggist for 25 cents and in one night it should kill off all the rats and mice in your home, barn or garage.

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MELBA AFRAID SHE CANNOT GET OPERA CLOTHES

Her Entire Wardrobe for Various Roles Has Been in Paris Since Great War Began

War, in addition to the havoc and confusion it has created throughout the civilized world, may prevent Madame Nellie Melba, one of the world's greatest sopranos, from filling her greatest engagements in Chicago and New York this winter, because she may not be able to get her costumes, now reposing in her Paris mansion.

Covered with fragrant Hawaiian leis presented her by her many friends in Honolulu the famous diva did farewell to this city today and left for the mainland on the Matsosia. Before sailing she expressed the hope that her costumes will have arrived in the United States before her grand opera engagements are to be filled.

"One can't sing grand opera without clothes," she remarked whimsically, "and my entire operative wardrobe has been war-bound in Paris since August of last year."

"The Hawaiian islands are an enchanted paradise," Madame Melba said, when asked how she had enjoyed her stay in this city. "I have been delighted with every moment spent here and it is my hope to be able to return here later on, although if the war ends in time, I shall go to my Paris home, where I have art collections I have gathered for the last 25 years."

Madame Melba said her efforts to obtain her trunks of opera costumes from her Paris home have not yet been successful, but that she hopes to get them before long.

"On the mainland, my first concert will be in Los Angeles September 15," said the great diva. "I am booked for 35 concerts, including one in Ottawa, Canada, where their royal highnesses, the duke and duchess of Connaught, will entertain me. The duke is governor-general of Canada."

Madame Melba asked that the Star-Bulletin convey to the people of Honolulu her appreciation of their many courtesies to her while here.

Last evening, at her farewell concert at the Opera House, Madame Melba was given an ovation which outdid even that tendered to her at her first recital here last Saturday. Generous as ever with her encores, gracious to her enthusiastic auditors, and, as ever, the supreme mistress of her art, Melba's second concert only served to make more firm her hold upon the music lovers of the city.

Robert Parker, his cold of last week entirely cured, scored a triumph with his resonant baritone, and Frank St. Leger at the piano was again the consummate accompanist and accomplished soloist. Queen Liliuokalani and her personal suite occupied one of the boxes last evening.

HARBOR NOTES

John D. Spreckels' yacht, the Venetia, will sail tonight for Hanalei, Kauai. The yacht took on fuel oil this morning at Pier 14, to the amount of 400 barrels.

At a late hour today, the British steamer Kestrel was still at Pier 16, her captain having apparently not yet obtained engineers and firemen sufficient to take the place of those who disappeared yesterday, to the number of 400 barrels.

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Love's Bakery

of four. He expected to leave late this afternoon for Fanning Island, carrying supplies to the cable station there.

The Matsosia carried a total of 275 passengers today for the mainland. Of this number 251 were cabin passengers and 24 steerage. The record number of first-class passengers carried by the Matsosia was 263, when the boat left here June 30.

Detectives of the police department are on the lookout today for the three men who deserted before daylight yesterday from the four-masted schooner A. J. West. Detective A. E. Carter said this morning he has learned that the Japanese sampan taking off the men landed two of them between Piers 15 and 16, and that they are now in town.

Two bands made the parting minutes of passengers on the Matsosia less painful than usual today. The additional "musicians" were the U. S. S. Maryland's musicians, who played a varied program ranging from barn dances to the national anthem, while the Royal Hawaiian Band played between whistles. The cruiser's band played in honor of naval officers' friends and relatives who were leaving for the mainland. A launch filled with army and navy men followed the Matsosia to the harbor mouth, making the farewells quite prolonged.

WOMAN WANTS TO HELP OTHERS

By Telling How Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Restored Her Health.

Miami, Okla. — "I had a female trouble and weakness that annoyed me continually. I tried doctors and all kinds of medicine for several years but was not cured until I took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I hope my testimonial will help other suffering women to try your wonderful medicine." — Mrs. MARY L. MILLER, Box 453, Miami, Okla.

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Lindbergh, Kansas. — "Some years ago I suffered with terrible pains in my side which I thought were inflammation, also with a bearing-down pain, backache, and I was at times awfully nervous. I took three bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and am now enjoying good health. I will be glad to recommend your medicine to any woman suffering with female trouble and you may publish this letter." — Mrs. A. L. SMITH, R. No. 3, Box 60, Lindbergh, Kansas.

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